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SUBJECT: NATIONAL HERALD DELHI EDITION CLOSED

1) THE PUBLICATION OF THE DELHI EDITION OF THE NATIONAL HERALD WAS SUSPENDED AS OF DEC 19. IT WAS STARTED ON MARCH 5, 1968.

2) FOUNDED BY LATE PRIME MINISTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, THE NATIONAL HERALD HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE CONGRESS PARTY AND HAS GENERALLY TAKEN A STRONG PRO-SOVIET AND PRO-ARAB LINE.

3) THE PAPER SUPPORTED MRS. GANDHI'S IMPOSITION OF THE EMERGENCY DURING WHICH TIME IT RECEIVED A BANK LOAN OF NEARLY DOLS 100,000 AND INCREASING GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS, EVEN THOUGH THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF THE DELHI AND LUCKNOW EDITIONS HAD REPORTEDLY DECREASED FROM 40,000 TO 30,000. THE LUCKNOW EDITION HAS A REPUTED CIRCULATION OF 18,000 TO 20,000.

4) ANNOUNCING THE DECISION TO SUSPEND THE DELHI EDITION, THE MANAGEMENT POINTED TO HEAVY FINANCIAL LOSSES IT CON-
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TINUED TO INCUR. THE PAPER'S EMPLOYEES UNION, HOWEVER, DISPUTE THE CLAIM, TERMING THE DECISION "ILLENGAL" AND UNFOUNDED AND ALLEGING THAT THERE HAS BEEN "FINANCIAL BUNGLING" BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT.

5) UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT, THE NATIONAL HERALD MANAGEMENT IS OBLIGED TO GIVE THREE MONTHS NOTICE SEEKING

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THE GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION TO CLOSE DOWN THE DELHI
EDITION. LAST WEEK, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINISTER
L.K. ADVANI, ASSURED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT THE
GOVERNMENT WOULD PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF SOME 400 EMPLOYEES,
BOTH JOURNALISTS AND NON-JOURNALISTS, BUT HE DID NOT SPELL
OUT WHAT THIS MIGHT MEAN.

6) CURRENTLY THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE HERALD MANAGEMENT AND
THE EMPLOYEES UNION IS PENDING BEFORE THE LABOR COMMISSIONER,
DELHI ADMINISTRATION.

7) THE MANAGEMENT DECISION DOES NOT EFFECT THE LUCKNOW
EDITION OF THE HERALD, WHICH IT CLAIMS IS MAKING PROFIT.
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